

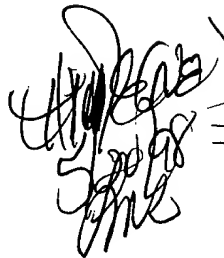
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
House et al)
Serial No.: 08/689,518)
Filed: August 9, 1996)
For: **METHOD OF SEALING A**)
MANHOLE RISER AND A CATCH)
BASIN AND APPARATUS FOR SAME)

Group Art Unit: 1314
Examiner: J. Davis



AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on March 3, 1998 setting a three month shortened statutory period for response expiring on June 3, 1998. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 26, 34, and 38 to read as set forth below:

26. (Thrice amended) A method of sealing a manhole riser of the type having a base, a top adjusting ring and a bottom adjusting ring, the manhole riser having a height defined from the base of the bottom adjusting ring to the top edge of the top adjusting ring, said method comprising the steps of:

5 (a) providing a band of elastomeric material, said band having a height at least equal to the height of the manhole riser, wherein said band includes [an] a mastic adhesive around an inner surface thereof for bonding said elastomeric band to said top edge of the top adjusting ring of the manhole riser and forming a seal therebetween;

10 (b) placing said band over the manhole riser and positioning the bottom edge of said band proximate the base of the manhole riser and securing a top edge of said band to the top adjusting ring of said manhole riser.

30. (Amended) A kit for sealing a manhole riser of the type having a top adjusting ring and a bottom adjusting ring, the manhole riser also having a height defined from the base of the bottom adjusting ring to the top edge of the top adjusting ring, said kit comprising a band of elastomeric material, said elastic material having a
5 height wherein it is about the height of the manhole riser; and an adhesive applied to

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